

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

308 House Office Building

Wednesday 12:00 P.M.

January 30, 2008

Representative Gino Polidori, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Polidori requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn.

Absent: Representative Pastor.

Representative Garfield moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Pastor.

Representative Horn moved to approve the minutes of the **January 23, 2008** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid HB 5189 before the committee.

HB 5189	McDowell	Recreation; outdoor activities; waiver of state recreational fees; require for certain veterans.
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Representative McDowell, sponsor of HB 5189, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Daniel Eichinger, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in **opposition of HB 5189** as written. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for HB 5189** but did not wish to speak.

Dan Crocker, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Bonnie Welbaum, representing the Michigan Paralyzes Veterans of America
Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart
Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

Representative Brown moved to **adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 5189**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Polidori offered the following amendment to **HB 5189 (H-1)**

1. Amend page 3, line 8, after “rate” by striking out the balance of the line and inserting a period.

Representative Brown moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

The Chair processed with the business of the committee and introduced **Senator Pappageorge**.

The Chair laid SB 751 before the committee.

SB 751	Pappageorge	State financing and management; purchasing; veterans' preference for construction, goods, and services; increase.
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Senator Pappageorge, sponsor of SB 751, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for SB 751** but did not wish to speak.

Dan Crocker, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
Bonnie Welbaum, representing the Michigan Paralyzes Veterans of America
Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart

Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

Doug Spade, Mike Clement, and Elise Lancaster, representing the Department of Management and Budget submitted a testimony card indicating a **neutral position on SB 751** but did not wish to speak

Representative Garfield moved to report with recommendation **SB 751**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 751 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5632 before the committee.

HB 5632 Calley Labor; other; unpaid leave for immediate family members of military personnel being deployed; allow.

Representative Calley explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed

Suzette Boler, representing herself, testified in **support of HB 5632**. Ms. Boler also submitted written testimony.

Representative Garfield moved to adopt the following amendment.

1. Amend page 1, line 6, after “reserve” by inserting "and national guard".

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Sheltroun moved to adopt the following amendment.

1. Amend page 2, line 12, after “days” by inserting "or 80 hours, whichever is less,".

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), testified in **support of HB 5632**.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for HB 5632** but did not wish to speak.

Dan Crocker, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Bonnie Welbaum, representing the Michigan Paralyzes Veterans of America

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart

Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

Representative Brown moved to report with recommendation **HB 5632** as **substitute (H-1)**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5632 reported out as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

The Chair returned to **HB 5189 (H-1)**, as amended.

Representative Sheltroun moved to adopt the following amendments.

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after "both" and inserting "**PURCHASE**".
2. Amend page 2, line 1, after "**PART**" by striking out "**FREE OF CHARGE**" and inserting "**FOR \$1.00.**".

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Brown moved to report out with recommendation **HB 5189 as substitute (H-2)**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5189 reported out as substitute (H-2), with recommendation.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **12:50 p.m.**

Representative Gino Polidori Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
January 30, 2008
50 minutes